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In re Application of  
**Boris V. SMOLYAROV, et al.**  
Application No. 09/717,559  
Filed: November 21, 2000  
Attorney Docket No.

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DECISION ON PETITION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 19, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of July 18, 2007. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(A)(2). Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is October 19, 2007.


The petition is not signed by an attorney of record. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34, the signature of James E. Lynch appearing on the correspondence shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that she is authorized to represent the particular party on whose behalf he acts. If Mr. Lynch desires to receive future correspondence regarding this file, the appropriate power of attorney documents must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner herein. However, until otherwise instructed, all future correspondence regarding this application file will be directed solely to the above-noted correspondence address of record.

It is noted that a new Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) was submitted on October 29, 2007. Unfortunately, the power could not be accepted because the 3.73(b) statement was improper and/or incorrect.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee of \$405, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee of \$810; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Monica A. Graves at (571) 272-7253.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3763 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.



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